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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3930

INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PENTECOSTALS IN EMBASSY

1. PENTECOSTALS STILL DETERMINED TO REMAIN IN THE
EMBASSY UNTIL THEIR DEMANDS ARE MET: (1) THAT THEY BE
REUNITED WITH THEIR 16-YEAR OLD SON; (2) THAT THEY
SUFFER NO REPRISALS FROM THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES; AND
(3) THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO EMIGRATE TO THE UNITED
STATES WITH THEIR FAMILIES.

2. CONSOFFS AND EMBOFFS HAVE TRIED REPEATEDLY TO PER-
SUADE PENTECOSTALISTS TO LEAVE AND HAVE POINTED OUT
THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED TO DEAL WITH
THEIR CASE AS LONG AS THEY REMAIN IN THE EMBASSY.
EMBASSY'S ACTING PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN AND MEMBERS OF A
VISITING PROTESTANT CHURCH DELEGATION HAVE BRIEFLY MET
WITH THEM AND TRANSMITTED "CHRISTIAN GREETINGS." WE
TELEGRAPHED THE VASHCHENKO FAMILY IN KRASNOYARSKIY KRAY
ON JULY 5 TO ASCERTAIN IF THEY HAVE SEEN OR HEARD FROM
THE MISSING CHILD. WE HAVE ALSO WRITTEN VASHCHENKO'S
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SPONSOR AND REQUESTED THAT HE COMPLETE A NEW AND MORE
COMPLETE VYZOV. WHILE VASHCHENKO HAS EXPRESSED HIS
THANKS FOR THIS HELP, HE HAS NOT WAVERED IN HIS ADAMANT
DESIRE TO REMAIN IN THE EMBASSY.
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